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For: PROCESSES FOR PREPARING EITHER
OPTICALLY ACTIVE N-SUBSTITUTED β -
AMINO ACID AND OPTICALLY ACTIVE N-
SUBSTITUTED β -AMINO ACID ESTER OR
OPTICALLY ACTIVE N-SUBSTITUTED 2-
HOMOPIPECOLIC ACID AND OPTICALLY
ACTIVE N-SUBSTITUTED 2-
HOMOPIPECOLIC ACID ESTER

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.